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Pathetic settlement. The 9 states have it right. I object to the settlement, as it does NOT go far enough, and actually opens the new market of schools to the monopoly that is Microsoft.

If we must do a settlement, which I read as a political buy out, at least invest in Open Source (GNU/Linux and the LGPL BSD's) for about 10%, use 20% for infrastructure support, and spend 70% on hardware. Microsoft pays only money, not products.

Microsoft mandates hardware and software upgrades very often, as that is the nature of a greedy monopoly, to require the consumer to spend more money, often. Microsoft products are bulky, insecure, and contain weaknesses not present, or long since rectified in the Open Source products.

Do your job, and serve the greater need of education, and the public, by encouraging the competitive environment through support of the Open Source movement.

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